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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF FRENCH NAVAL TRANSITS OF
SUEZ CANAL

1. FRENCH CHARGE LUCET ON JULY 19 INQUIRED OF POL/ECON COUNSELOR WHETHER EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED A NOTE FROM EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY (MFA) CONCERNING NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR WARSHIPS TRANSITING SUEZ CANAL. NOTE ACCORDING TO LUCET CONTAINED QUESTIONNAIRE REQUIRING DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT VESSEL AND PERSONNEL ABOARD. FRENCH WERE OF VIEW THAT ADVANCE NOTIFICATION FOR WARSHIPS TO TRANSMIT CANAL IS NOT REQUIRED UNDER CONSTANTINOPLE CONVENTION OF 1888 AND ARE CONSIDERING TAKING STAND ON THIS POINT WITH

GOE.

2. POL/ECON COUNSELOR RESPONDED THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED SUCH A NOTE BUT WOULD CHECK. EMBASSY HAS NOT RPT NOT IN FACT RECEIVED A NOTE. HOWEVER, SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH ENIOR EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS DURING RECENT VISIT OF CINCUSNAVEUR ADM SHEAR IN MAY. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED
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SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY (WITH COPIES TO MFA AND MINISTRY OF WAR)

OF US NAVAL VESSELS INTENDING TO TRANSIT THE CANAL BY ROUTINE LETTER
SIGNED BY NAVAL ATTACHE.

4. WE HAVE NOW INFORMED LUCET OF OUR NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES, AND
FACT THAT WE DID NOT RECEIVE NOTE FROM MFA.

5. COMMENT: EVIDENTLY SEVERAL FRENCH DESTROYERS HAVE
TRANSITED CANAL WITHOUT NOTIFYING EGYPTIANS. THE LATTER
POSSIBLE ARE IRRITATED OVER THIS AND, AS RESULT, HAVE REQUESTED
DETAILED DATA.
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